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Children and Family Council or Prevention Programs
Meeting notes April 21, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Members Present: Donn Hutchins, Julia Brand, Katherine O'Day, Kreig Pinkham, Laurey Burris, Linda Johnson, Christopher Lukasik, Matt Wolf, Mackenzie Mazza, Karen Vastine, Amy Davenport
Partners Present: Elizabeth Morris, Tyler Allen, Lindy Boudreau, Brian Peete

Due to the CJJ Conference, the May Meeting Date will be changed to May 12.
As requested by members, we now have a meeting feedback survey.

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3LCJ6QX>

Approval of March Meeting Notes. All yes. Passed.

Governance/Nominating Committee Update:

- Chair Emeritus could chair this committee
- This may start off as a standing monthly committee and morph into an ad-hoc
- Scope of work: By-laws change, membership review, council procedures, officer election review

Youth Services Committee:

- Conference: Delinquency Prevention for School Aged Youth. Mission: We all want VT students who are engaged and supported in school. The mission of this conference is to help schools and youth services connect and learn from each other to build more robust communities of care for our youth.
- Have sent out a survey to Youth Drop-in centers, are awaiting responses.
- Want to focus on gathering feedback from youth who are currently involved in the JJ System.

ERD Committee:

- Cancelled April meeting

Systems Improvement:

- Please find the most recent draft of S.224 [here](#). Amy Davenport testified on behalf of the Council.
 - Video Recording of April 5th <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Zm5KluhyL4>
 - Video Recording of April 7th <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teWSyCztBO0>
 - Most of the legislature's discussion has revolved around the current system of care and lack of secure program options for youth of all ages, including 18-year-olds.
- The committee has been reviewing their 3-year plan goals and objectives in order to evaluate their next steps.

Officer elections:

Karen Vastine has been nominated for Chair, Amy Davenport has been nominated for Vice Chair, and Donn Hutchins has been nominated for secretary/treasurer. No other nominations were made during the meeting. Motion to pass elect the three nominations as a slate. Seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

CJJ Hill Day Topics to bring to the Delegation:

- Educate on:
 - The Juvenile Justice Reform Act
 - The title II formula grant (how much money VT receives, and what the funding goes towards, etc.)

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- The State Advisory Group in VT
- Educate on:
 - The impact of the program/budget area restrictions – as laid out [OJJDP FY 2020 Title II Program and Budget Areas \(ojp.gov\)](#)
 - Specifically highlight that the JJRA only allows VT to spend a small portion of their grant on Ethnic and Racial Disparities, even though it is a core requirement of the federal law.
- Educate on:
 - The impact of the 6-hour time limit for Interest of Justice Hearings.
 - Vermont Courts are only open for hearings w/a youth and their lawyer during business hours.

July Retreat:

Please put a hold in your calendar for July 13th